

Women

{33:35} *Surely the men who submit and the women who submit, and the believing men and the believing women, and the obeying men and the obeying women, and the truthful men and the truthful women, and the patient men and the patient women and the humble men and the humble women, and the almsgiving men and the almsgiving women, and the fasting men and the fasting women, and the men who guard their private parts and the women who guard, and the men who remember Allah much and the women who remember-- Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a mighty reward.*

{16:97} *Whoever does good whether male or female and he is a believer, We will most certainly make him live a happy life, and We will most certainly give them their reward for the best of what they did.*

{3:195} *so their Lord accepted their prayer: That I will not waste the work of a worker among you, whether male or female, the one of you being from the other;*

{4:1} *O people! be careful of (your duty to) your Lord, Who created you from a single being and created its mate of the same (kind) and spread from these two, many men and women; and be careful of (your duty to) Allah, by Whom you demand one of another (your rights), and (to) the ties of relationship; surely Allah ever watches over you.*

Comment: This verse tells us that the first man and woman were created from one single being (two parts of one soul). It does not say that the first woman was created from the rib of a man. Any teachings other than this are not Islamic.

{4:19} *O you who believe! it is not lawful for you that you should take women as heritage against (their) will, and do not straiten them in order that you may take part of what you have given them, unless they are guilty of manifest indecency, and treat them kindly; then if you hate them, it may be that you dislike a thing while Allah has placed abundant good in it.*

{2:231} *And when you divorce women and they reach their prescribed time, then either retain*

them in good fellowship or set them free with liberality, and do not retain them for injury, so that you exceed the limits, and whoever does this, he indeed is unjust to his own soul; and do not take Allah's communications for a mockery, and remember the favor of Allah upon you, and that which He has revealed to you of the Book and the Wisdom, admonishing you thereby; and be careful (of your duty to) Allah, and know that Allah is the Knower of all things.

Comment: The following verses refer to a tradition that existed in pre Islamic Arabia. A first born baby girl was thought to bring shame to the family. These girls were buried alive. Islam prohibited this heinous act.

{81:8} and when the female infant buried alive is asked

{81:9} for what sin she was killed,

{16:58} and when a daughter is announced to one of them his face becomes black and he is full of wrath.

{16:59} He hides himself from the people because of the evil of that which is announced to him. Shall he keep it with disgrace or bury it (alive) in the dust? Now surely evil is what they judge.

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